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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 January 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 19 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Response to Amendment***

1. This office action is in response to the amendment filed on 29 January 2009.
2. Applicant's request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last Office action is persuasive and, therefore, the finality of that action is withdrawn.

### ***Response to Arguments***

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 and 8, filed on 29 January 2009, have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1-4, 6-12, and 14-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tuchitoy et al. (US 7,145,683) in view of Davidson, Jr. et al. (US 5,699,493) and Combar et al. (US 7,058,600).
6. Regarding Claim 1, Tuchitoy et al teaches a system for processing print jobs in a network containing a client station adapted to submit print jobs (Fig. 1, host 100), and at least one printing device containing a control unit and a printer (Fig. 1, printer 150), the

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control unit including storage means for storing print jobs submitted to the printing device (Fig. 1, information manager 160 stores a print job or device information in the database) (col. 8, line 64 - col. 9, line 5), which comprises means for generating and submitting a print account job containing account information of a print job (database manages various types of information, such as information concerning the printer or the attributes of a print job) (col. 8, lines 44-48), wherein the print account job is linked to the corresponding print job by a linking identifier (job attribute ID) (col. 10, lines 42-57), and means for validating stored print jobs for printing (user ID and a password) (col. 10, lines 33-37), wherein said validating means receives account jobs and validates a corresponding print job for printing in the case a valid account job has been received (user ID and password are used for the authentication of a packet transmitted) (col. 10, lines 33-37).

Tuchitoy et al fails to teach a system wherein the network contains a plurality of client stations and wherein a print account job is generated as a second print job.

Davidson, Jr. et al teaches a system wherein the network contains a plurality of client stations (laser printer 13 connected to several host devices through the printer's various communication ports) (col. 5, lines 44-62) and wherein a print account job is generated (job accounting information is uploaded into a host computer, so that the host computer can store the same job accounting information upon its own storage media, such as a file residing on a hard disk drive. Once a file is created, its contents can be accessed by a database program or by a spreadsheet program) (col. 10, lines 3-16).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time of the invention to have combined the teachings of Tuchitoy with the teaching of Davidson, Jr. to allow a plurality of users to submit print jobs over the network and allow the system to track the printer usage of the different users and use the data for reporting and tracking.

Tuchitoy et al and Davidson, Jr. et al fail to teach a system wherein the print account job is generated as a second print job.

Combar et al teaches a system wherein the print job is generated as a second print job (printing of spreadsheet) (col. 15, line 56-col. 16, line 20). (*The spreadsheet contains the job accounting information for the print job as created by Davidson, Jr. and the spreadsheet is then printed out.*)

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have combined the teachings of Tuchitoy and Davidson, Jr. with the teaching of Combar to allow a user to output the printer consumable history so user's can have a hardcopy version of the usage history to be used in reports or just to have for future reference.

7. Regarding Claim 2, Tuchitoy et al teaches a system, wherein the client station comprises a job submitter including said means for generating and submitting print account jobs (Fig. 1, job packet generator 107) (col. 9, lines 51-57).

8. Regarding Claim 3, Tuchitoy et al teaches a system, wherein a server station is adapted to intercept a submitted print job, said server station comprising means for generating and submitting a print account job containing account information of the

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intercepted print job, wherein the print account job is linked to the corresponding print job by a linking identifier (job attribute ID) (col. 10, lines 42-57).

9. Regarding Claim 4, Tuchitoy et al teaches a system, wherein the server station is adapted to communicate with a client station to obtain account information of the intercepted print job for insertion in the print account job (job attribute ID) (col. 10, lines 42-57).

10. Regarding Claim 6, Tuchitoy et al teaches a system, wherein the control unit of the printing device is adapted to receive print jobs, and print account jobs (controller synchronizes the individual sections so as to correctly perform a plurality of print jobs) (col. 8, lines 54-60), and wherein said validating means are part of the control unit of the printing device (user ID and password are used for the authentication of a packet transmitted) (col. 10, lines 33-37).

11. Regarding Claim 7, Tuchitoy et al teaches a system, wherein the control unit of the printing device (job pre-processor employs operation code stored in the header of the job packet) (col. 8, line 61–col. 9, line 5) stores all submitted print and account jobs in a holding queue in the storage means (information manger stores a print job) (col. 8, line 61 – col. 9, line 5), said: control unit being arranged to check stored print and account jobs in order to match linked print and account jobs (authentication of a packet) (col. 10, lines 33-37), so that in the case where a print job is matched with an account job the account information is checked, and if the account information is valid, the print job is removed from the holding queue and validated for printing (drawing object is temporarily stored in the drawing unit until the actual printing is initiated) (col. 9, lines

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17-25) and the account job is removed from the holding queue and the account information is stored in the storage means (job attribute setup operation) (col. 10, lines 42-57).

12. Regarding Claim 8, Tuchitoy et al teaches a printing device (Fig. 1, printer 150), comprising a control unit (Fig. 1, information manager 160) and a printer (Fig. 1, printer engine 158), the control unit including storage means for storing print jobs in a holding queue the control unit of the printing device being adapted to receive print jobs (Fig. 1, information manager 160 stores a print job or device information in the database) (col. 8, line 64-col. 9, line 5), wherein the control unit controlling means for validating stored printing jobs for printing (user ID and a password) (col. 10, lines 33-37), said validating means being adapted to receive account jobs and validate a corresponding print job for printing in case a valid account job has been received (job attribute ID) (col. 10, lines 42-57).

Tuchitoy et al fails to teach a printing device wherein the print account job is generated as a second print job.

Davidson, Jr. et al teaches a printing device wherein the a print account job is generated (job accounting information is uploaded into a host computer, so that the host computer can store the same job accounting information upon its own storage media, such as a file residing on a hard disk drive. Once a file a created, its contents can be accessed by a database program or by a spreadsheet program) (col. 10, lines 3-16).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time of the invention to have combined the teachings of Tuchitoy with the teaching of Davidson, Jr.

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to allow a plurality of users to submit print jobs over the network and allow the system to track the printer usage of the different users and use the data for reporting and tracking.

Tuchitoy et al and Davidson, Jr. et al fail to teach a printing device wherein the print account job is generated as a second print job.

Combar et al teaches a printing device wherein the print job is generated as a second print job (printing of spreadsheet) (col. 15, line 56-col. 16, line 20). (*The spreadsheet contains the job accounting information for the print job as created by Davidson, Jr. and the spreadsheet is then printed out.*)

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have combined the teachings of Tuchitoy and Davidson, Jr. with the teaching of Combar to allow a user to output the printer consumable history so user's can have a hardcopy version of the usage history to be used in reports or just to have for future reference.

13. Regarding Claim 9, Tuchitoy et al teaches a printing device, wherein the control unit (job pre-processor employs operation code stored in the header of the job packet) (col. 8, line 61-col. 9, line 5) stores all submitted print and account jobs in a holding queue in the storage means (information manager stores a print job) (col. 8, line 61 – col. 9, line 5), said: control unit being arranged to check stored print and account jobs in order to match linked print and account jobs (authentication of a packet) (col. 10, lines 33-37), so that in the case where a print job is matched with an account job the account information is checked, and if the account information is valid, the print job is removed from the holding queue and validated for printing (drawing object is temporarily stored in



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the drawing unit until the actual printing is initiated) (col. 9, lines 17-25) and the account job is removed from the holding queue and the account information is stored in the storage means (job attribute setup operation) (col. 10, lines 42-57).

14. Regarding Claim 10, Tuchitoy et al teaches a the client station being adapted to submit print jobs, wherein a job submitter is provided, including means for generating and submitting a print account job containing account information of a print job (Fig. 1, job packet generator 107) (col. 9, lines 51-57)., the print account job being linked to the corresponding print job by a linking identifier (job attribute ID) (col. 10, lines 42-57).

15. Regarding Claim 11, Tuchitoy et al teaches a server station, wherein the server station is adapted to intercept a submitted print job, the server station comprising means for generating and submitting a print account job containing account information of the intercepted print job, wherein the print account job is linked to the corresponding print job by a linking identifier (job attribute ID) col. 10, lines 42-57).

16. Regarding Claim 12, Tuchitoy et al teaches a server station, which is adapted to communicate with a client station to obtain account information of the intercepted print job for insertion in the print account job (job attribute ID) (col. 10, lines 42-57).

17. Regarding Claim 14, Tuchitoy et al teaches a computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium comprising program instructions for a computer to operate as a client station in the system for processing print jobs in a network containing a client station adapted to submit print jobs (Fig. 1, host 100), and at least one printing device containing a control unit and a printer (Fig. 1, printer 150), the control unit including storage means for storing print jobs submitted to the printing device (Fig. 1, information

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manager 160 stores a print job or device information in the database) (col. 8, line 64 - col. 9, line 5), which comprises means for generating and submitting a print account job containing account information of a print job (database manages various types of information, such as information concerning the printer or the attributes of a print job) (col. 8, lines 44-48), wherein the print account job is linked to the corresponding print job by a linking identifier (job attribute ID) (col. 10, lines 42-57), and means for validating stored print jobs for printing (user ID and a password) (col. 10, lines 33-37), wherein said validating means receives account jobs and validates a corresponding print job for printing in the case a valid account job has been received (user ID and password are used for the authentication of a packet transmitted) (col. 10, lines 33-37).

Tuchitoy et al fails to teach a computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium comprising program instructions for a computer to operate as a client station in the system wherein the network contains a plurality of client stations and wherein a print account job is generated as a second print job.

Davidson, Jr. et al teaches a computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium comprising program instructions for a computer to operate as a client station in the system wherein the network contains a plurality of client stations (laser printer 13 connected to several host devices through the printer's various communication ports) (col. 5, lines 44-62) and wherein a print account job is generated (job accounting information is uploaded into a host computer, so that the host computer can store the same job accounting information upon its own storage media, such as a

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file residing on a hard disk drive. Once a file is created, its contents can be accessed by a database program or by a spreadsheet program) (col. 10, lines 3-16).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time of the invention to have combined the teachings of Tuchitoy with the teaching of Davidson, Jr. to allow a plurality of users to submit print jobs over the network and allow the system to track the printer usage of the different users and use the data for reporting and tracking.

Tuchitoy et al and Davidson, Jr. et al fail to teach a computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium comprising program instructions for a computer to operate as a client station in the system wherein the print account job is generated as a second print job.

Combar et al teaches a computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium comprising program instructions for a computer to operate as a client station in the system wherein the print job is generated as a second print job (printing of spreadsheet) (col. 15, line 56-col. 16, line 20). (*The spreadsheet contains the job accounting information for the print job as created by Davidson, Jr. and the spreadsheet is then printed out.*)

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have combined the teachings of Tuchitoy and Davidson, Jr. with the teaching of Combar to allow a user to output the printer consumable history so user's can have a hardcopy version of the usage history to be used in reports or just to have for future reference.

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18. Regarding Claim 15, Tuchitoy et al teaches a computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium comprising program instructions for a computer to operate as a control unit of the printing device in the system for processing print jobs in a network containing a client station adapted to submit print jobs (Fig. 1, host 100), and at least one printing device containing a control unit and a printer (Fig. 1, printer 150), the control unit including storage means for storing print jobs submitted to the printing device (Fig. 1, information manager 160 stores a print job or device information in the database) (col. 8, line 64 - col. 9, line 5), which comprises means for generating and submitting a print account job containing account information of a print job (database manages various types of information, such as information concerning the printer or the attributes of a print job) (col. 8, lines 44-48), wherein the print account job is linked to the corresponding print job by a linking identifier (job attribute ID) (col. 10, lines 42-57), and means for validating stored print jobs for printing (user ID and a password) (col. 10, lines 33-37), wherein said validating means receives account jobs and validates a corresponding print job for printing in the case a valid account job has been received (user ID and password are used for the authentication of a packet transmitted) (col. 10, lines 33-37).

Tuchitoy et al fails to teach a computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium comprising program instructions for a computer to operate as a control unit of the printing device in the system wherein the network contains a plurality of client stations and wherein a print account job is generated as a second print job.

Davidson, Jr. et al teaches a computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium comprising program instructions for a computer to operate as a control unit of the printing device in the system wherein the network contains a plurality of client stations (laser printer 13 connected to several host devices through the printer's various communication ports) (col. 5, lines 44-62) and wherein a print account job is generated (job accounting information is uploaded into a host computer, so that the host computer can store the same job accounting information upon its own storage media, such as a file residing on a hard disk drive. Once a file is created, its contents can be accessed by a database program or by a spreadsheet program) (col. 10, lines 3-16).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time of the invention to have combined the teachings of Tuchitoy with the teaching of Davidson, Jr. to allow a plurality of users to submit print jobs over the network and allow the system to track the printer usage of the different users and use the data for reporting and tracking.

Tuchitoy et al and Davidson, Jr. et al fail to teach a computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium comprising program instructions for a computer to operate as a control unit of the printing device in the system wherein the print account job is generated as a second print job.

Combar et al teaches a computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium comprising program instructions for a computer to operate as a control unit of the printing device in the system wherein the print job is generated as a second print job (printing of spreadsheet) (col. 15, line 56-col. 16, line 20). (*The spreadsheet contains*

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*the job accounting information for the print job as created by Davidson, Jr. and the spreadsheet is then printed out.)*

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have combined the teachings of Tuchitoy and Davidson, Jr. with the teaching of Combar to allow a user to output the printer consumable history so user's can have a hardcopy version of the usage history to be used in reports or just to have for future reference.

19. Regarding Claim 16, Tuchitoy et al teaches a computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium comprising program instructions for a computer to operate as a server station in the system for processing print jobs in a network containing a client station adapted to submit print jobs (Fig. 1, host 100), and at least one printing device containing a control unit and a printer (Fig. 1, printer 150), the control unit including storage means for storing print jobs submitted to the printing device (Fig. 1, information manager 160 stores a print job or device information in the database) (col. 8, line 64 - col. 9, line 5), which comprises means for generating and submitting a print account job containing account information of a print job (database manages various types of information, such as information concerning the printer or the attributes of a print job) (col. 8, lines 44-48), wherein the print account job is linked to the corresponding print job by a linking identifier (job attribute ID) (col. 10, lines 42-57), and means for validating stored print jobs for printing (user ID and a password) (col. 10, lines 33-37), wherein said validating means receives account jobs and validates a corresponding print job for printing in the case a valid account job has been received

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(user ID and password are used for the authentication of a packet transmitted) (col. 10, lines 33-37).

Tuchitoy et al fails to teach a computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium comprising program instructions for a computer to operate as a server station in the system wherein the network contains a plurality of client stations and wherein a print account job is generated as a second print job.

Davidson, Jr. et al teaches a computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium comprising program instructions for a computer to operate as a server station in the system wherein the network contains a plurality of client stations (laser printer 13 connected to several host devices through the printer's various communication ports) (col. 5, lines 44-62) and wherein a print account job is generated (job accounting information is uploaded into a host computer, so that the host computer can store the same job accounting information upon its own storage media, such as a file residing on a hard disk drive. Once a file is created, its contents can be accessed by a database program or by a spreadsheet program) (col. 10, lines 3-16).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time of the invention to have combined the teachings of Tuchitoy with the teaching of Davidson, Jr. to allow a plurality of users to submit print jobs over the network and allow the system to track the printer usage of the different users and use the data for reporting and tracking.

Tuchitoy et al and Davidson, Jr. et al fail to teach a computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium comprising program instructions for a computer to

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operate as a server station in the system wherein the print account job is generated as a second print job.

Combar et al teaches a computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium comprising program instructions for a computer to operate as a server station in the system wherein the print job is generated as a second print job (printing of spreadsheet) (col. 15, line 56-col. 16, line 20). (*The spreadsheet contains the job accounting information for the print job as created by Davidson, Jr. and the spreadsheet is then printed out.*)

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have combined the teachings of Tuchitoy and Davidson, Jr. with the teaching of Combar to allow a user to output the printer consumable history so user's can have a hardcopy version of the usage history to be used in reports or just to have for future reference.

20. Regarding Claim 17, Tuchitoy et al teaches a computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium comprising program instructions for a computer to operate as a printer server in the system for processing print jobs in a network containing a client station adapted to submit print jobs (Fig. 1, host 100), and at least one printing device containing a control unit and a printer (Fig. 1, printer 150), the control unit including storage means for storing print jobs submitted to the printing device (Fig. 1, information manager 160 stores a print job or device information in the database) (col. 8, line 64 - col. 9, line 5), which comprises means for generating and submitting a print account job containing account information of a print job (database manages various



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types of information, such as information concerning the printer or the attributes of a print job) (col. 8, lines 44-48), wherein the print account job is linked to the corresponding print job by a linking identifier (job attribute ID) (col. 10, lines 42-57), and means for validating stored print jobs for printing (user ID and a password) (col. 10, lines 33-37), wherein said validating means receives account jobs and validates a corresponding print job for printing in the case a valid account job has been received (user ID and password are used for the authentication of a packet transmitted) (col. 10, lines 33-37).

Tuchitoy et al fails to teach a computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium comprising program instructions for a computer to operate as a printer server in the system wherein the network contains a plurality of client stations and wherein a print account job is generated as a second print job.

Davidson, Jr. et al teaches a computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium comprising program instructions for a computer to operate as a printer server in the system wherein the network contains a plurality of client stations (laser printer 13 connected to several host devices through the printer's various communication ports) (col. 5, lines 44-62) and wherein a print account job is generated (job accounting information is uploaded into a host computer, so that the host computer can store the same job accounting information upon its own storage media, such as a file residing on a hard disk drive. Once a file is created, its contents can be accessed by a database program or by a spreadsheet program) (col. 10, lines 3-16).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time of the invention to have combined the teachings of Tuchitoy with the teaching of Davidson, Jr. to allow a plurality of users to submit print jobs over the network and allow the system to track the printer usage of the different users and use the data for reporting and tracking.

Tuchitoy et al and Davidson, Jr. et al fail to teach a computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium comprising program instructions for a computer to operate as a printer server in the system wherein the print account job is generated as a second print job.

Combar et al teaches a computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium comprising program instructions for a computer to operate as a printer server in the system wherein the print job is generated as a second print job (printing of spreadsheet) (col. 15, line 56-col. 16, line 20). (*The spreadsheet contains the job accounting information for the print job as created by Davidson, Jr. and the spreadsheet is then printed out.*)

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have combined the teachings of Tuchitoy and Davidson, Jr. with the teaching of Combar to allow a user to output the printer consumable history so user's can have a hardcopy version of the usage history to be used in reports or just to have for future reference.

21. Claims 5 and 13 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tuchitoy et al, Davidson, Jr. et al, and Combar et al as applied to claims 1 above, and further in view of Gassho et al. (US 7,180,626).

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22. Regarding Claim 5, Tuchitoy et al, Davidson, Jr. et al, and Combar et al fail to teach a system, wherein a printer server comprises said means for validating stored print jobs for printing and wherein said validating means validates a print job by generating a print validation command for a corresponding print job and submitting the print validation command to the printing device.

Gassho et al teaches a system, wherein a printer server comprises said means for validating stored print jobs for printing and wherein said validating means validates a print job by generating a print validation command for a corresponding print job and submitting the print validation command to the printing device (print server separate from the printer) (col. 25, lines 11-18).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have combined the teachings of Tuchitoy, Davidson, Jr., and Combar with the teaching of Gassho to have the print server validate the print jobs so all of job accounting information is stored at one central location.

23. Regarding Claim 13, Tuchitoy et al, Davidson, Jr. et al, and Combar et al fail to teach a printer server, including means for validating stored print jobs for printing and wherein said validating means validates a print job by generating a print validation command for a corresponding print job and submitting the print validation command to the printing device.

Gassho et al teaches a print server, including means for validating stored print jobs for printing and wherein said validating means validates a print job by generating a print validation command for a corresponding print job and submitting the print

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validation command to the printing device (print server separate from the printer) (col. 25, lines 11-18).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have combined the teachings of Tuchitoi, Davidson, Jr., and Combar with the teaching of Gassho to have the print serve validate the print jobs so all of job accounting information is stored at one central location.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SATWANT K. SINGH whose telephone number is (571)272-7468. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday 8am - 4:30pm.

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